them to book.

7. Close coordination between RPF, GRP and local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

8. Dog squads are deployed for patrolling in yards and vulnerable areas as per their availability.

(c) and (d) Consignments are either transported in open wagons or in covered wagons. While damageable consignments loaded in open wagons are required to be secured by tarpaulins, instructions are that Metal tape seal and one-time key-less lock should be used for loading of consignments in covered wagons so that the consignments may reach destination safely.

**Electrification/Conversion Projects of Railways**

†*233. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of rail projects for electrification, conversion of metre gauge rail lines into broad gauge and laying of new rail lines are under implementation;

(b) if so, the number of each of such projects by the end of December, 1999; and

(c) by when these works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of Railway Projects under implementation at the end of December, 1999 planhead-wise are as follows:—

New Lines —79 (including 5 Metropolitan Transport Projects)

Gauge Conversion (from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge) — 62 (including 1 Metropolitan Transport Project). In addition there are 8 projects of Gauge Conversion from Narrow to Broad Gauge.

Railway Electrification — 25 (including 3 Metropolitan Transport

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Projects).

(c) Targets for completion of rail projects are fixed on an annual basis based on availability of resources. Details of the projects targeted for completion in 2000-2001 are as follows:—

*New Lines*

i. Kapadvanj-Modasa
ii. Kashinagar-Kakdweep
iii. Eklakhi-Gajol
iv. Puttaparthi-Penukonda
v. Bargachia-Munshirhat
vi. Tamluk-Digha
vii. Joruri-Banspani

*Gauge Conversion*

i. Nonera-Bhind of Guna-Etawah project
ii. Raxaul-Birganj
iii. Makum-Dangri
iv. Amguri-Tuli
v. Laxmanthirtha bridge diversion on Mysore-Hassan line
vi. Mudkhed-Adilabad (BOLT)
vii. Wankaner-Morbi
viii. Gandhidham-Bhuj
ix. Darangdhara-Kuda

*Railway Electrification*

Electrification of 500 kms of Railway line is targeted for completion in 2000-2001.

## Subsidy for Export of Wheat

†*234. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidy is required to be given to make export of wheat competitive in the international market;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) if so, whether Government have discussed the proposal with the

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